

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 179

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nolachuckey Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those outstanding civic organizations and their members who work with purpose, commitment, and enthusiasm to preserve this State's panoramic history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, one such worthy organization is the Nolachuckey Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of community service this year; and

WHEREAS, the Nolachuckey Chapter was organized on February 22, 1921, when seventeen organizing members met in Tusculum under the leadership of Carrie Clemens; the twenty-seven other charter members included Martha Ellen Barkley Patterson, granddaughter-in-law of President Andrew Johnson, who, with her husband, was instrumental in preserving the legacy of Andrew Johnson in Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, early on in its history, the Nolachuckey Chapter began erecting historical markers for significant people, sites, and institutions, including one for the Andrew Jackson Home in 1926 and the birthplace of David Crockett in 1932; and

WHEREAS, in 1929, the Nolachuckey Chapter began contributing to a scholarship fund at Tusculum College that continues to this day and is awarded to a Greene County student who attends Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, the Nolachuckey Chapter began raising money to restore and maintain the Old Harmony Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, by 2010, 116 markers had been added to replace missing gravestones or supplement original, illegible stones; a granite marker was erected in 1971 to honor local veterans of the American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, and Mexican War; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Nolachuckey Chapter members have penned or otherwise contributed to several books about people, communities, churches, and events of historical interest, including Greene Countians who served in the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, between the years of 1983 and 1990, chapter members were involved in the mapping and recording of cemeteries in Greene County, and the resulting information was submitted to various genealogical websites; and

WHEREAS, the Nolachuckey Chapter provides supplies and services to the Mountain Home for Veterans in Johnson City and has previously honored Korean veterans and Vietnam veterans with year-long celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Nolachuckey Chapter holds title to the Patterson-Bartlett House, which was built in the same style as the Andrew Johnson Home by his great-granddaughter, Margaret Johnson Patterson Bartlett, who willed the house to the chapter upon her death; the Patterson-Bartlett House serves as the home of the Nolachuckey Chapter and is also used for community events; and

WHEREAS, today's members of the Nolachuckey Chapter are very involved in community activities, churches, and civic clubs and work to preserve the history and institutions of their county and region, just as their predecessors did; and

WHEREAS, as they embark upon their chapter's second century of public service, the current members of the Nolachuckey Chapter are recommitting themselves to the NSDAR ideals expressed in the motto, "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nolachuckey Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and join with its members in celebrating the organization's rich history of "Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.